Protective Survivorship Option (PSO)

In accordance with Milwaukee County Ordinance Chapter 201, section 7.1

Any member in active service who has attained;

- Age fifty-five (55) and has completed thirty (30) years of service
- Age sixty (60) or sixty-four (64)
- Pursuant to section 4.1 or a collective bargaining agreement, is eligible for a pension
- Deputy sheriff has either attained age fifty-seven (57)
- Deputy Sheriff age fifty-five (55) and completed fifteen (15) years of service

The member may elect a protective survivorship option by selecting a 50% Joint & Survivor option or a 100% Joint & Survivor option in the manner hereinafter set forth, which option shall then become effective at his death with the same force and effect as if such member had retired under such option immediately prior to his death.

Completing the Protective Survivorship Option form will designate the beneficiary for such option and may be revoked at any time prior to retirement. If the designated beneficiary shall die or if the designated beneficiary is the member's spouse and a divorce is granted prior to the member's retirement, the election shall be automatically revoked. If any member eligible to elect an option shall die in active service, without electing an option, his surviving spouse shall be paid a survivorship pension equal to the amount that would have been payable if such member had retired under a 100% Joint & Survivor option immediately prior to his death except where the member has designated a beneficiary to receive in lieu of the survivorship pension payable under 100% Joint & Survivor option a lump sum payment of the balance in his membership account plus the death benefit payable under section 6.3.